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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al.

APPLICATION NO.:09/745,095

Examiner: S. Gollamudi

FILING DATE: December 20, 2000

: Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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This is in response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended two (2) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. Reconsideration of the rejections therein is respectfully requested in light of the comments that follow.

A copy of the claims status is presented as the following item, starting on the next sheet.